



*1996 A-League
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A-League 1997



1997 Rochester Raging Rhinos Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
May 3	@Hershey Wildcats	7:35 p.m.
May 9	@Charleston Battery	7:30 p.m.
May 14	@Jacksonville Cyclones	7:30 p.m.
May /16	@Carolina Dynamo	8:00 p.m.
May 19	@Toronto Lynx	6:00 p.m.
May 26	Toronto Lynx	6:05 p.m.
June 7	Jacksonville Cyclones	7:35 p.m.
June 8	<i>Israeli National All-Star team (exhibition)</i>	3:35 p.m.
June 13	Worcester Wildfire	7:35 p.m.*
June 15	Connecticut Wolves	6:05 p.m.
June 21	@Raleigh Flyers	7:35 p.m.
June 22	@Richmond Kickers	3:00 p.m.*
June 25	Carolina Dynamo	7:35 p.m.
June 29	@Hershey Wildcats	3:00 p.m.
July 4	Montreal Impact	7:35 p.m.
July 6	@Montreal Impact	4:00 p.m.
July 12	Richmond Kickers	7:35 p.m.
July 15	<i>A-League All-Star Game at Rochester</i>	7:35 p.m.*
July 16	@Long Island Rough Riders	7:30 p.m.
July 18	Hershey Wildcats	7:35 p.m.
July 25	@Toronto Lynx	7:30 p.m.
July 27	@Long Island Rough Riders	6:30 p.m.
July 30	Toronto Lynx	7:35 p.m.
Aug 2	Raleigh Flyers	7:35 p.m.
Aug 8	Connecticut Wolves	7:35 p.m.
Aug 15	Charleston Battery	7:35 p.m.
Aug 17	Milwaukee Rampage	6:05 p.m.*
Aug 22	@Worcester Wildfire	7:30 p.m.
Aug 24	@Connecticut Wolves	3:00 p.m.
Aug 29	Long Island Rough Riders	7:35 p.m.

* Prime Network/Empire Sports Network A-League Match of the Week

1997 A-League Conferences and Divisions

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Carolina Dynamo
Charleston Battery
Hershey Wildcats
Jacksonville Cyclones
Raleigh Flyers
Richmond Kickers

Northern Division

Rochester Raging Rhinos
Connecticut Wolves
Long Island Rough Riders
Montreal Impact
Toronto Lynx
Worcester Wildfire

Western Conference

Pacific Division

California Jaguars
Colorado Foxes
El Paso Patriots
Orange County Zodiac
Seattle Sounders
Vancouver 86ers

Central Division

Atlanta Ruckus
Milwaukee Rampage
Minnesota Thunder
Nashville Metros
N.O. Riverboat Gamblers
Orlando Sundogs

1997 A-League Team Directories

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1997 A-LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME

Tuesday, July 15, 1997 at Frontier Field

The Rochester Raging Rhinos will host the 1997 A-League All-Star Game at Frontier Field on Tuesday, July 15, 1997. The best players from all 24 A-League teams will participate in the game, with the Eastern Conference pitted against the Western Conference. This will be the first A-League All-Star match since the league's merger with the USISL, which boosted the size of the league from seven to 24 teams.

"There really isn't much mystery around this announcement," said A-League Commissioner Francisco Marcos. "The Rhinos ownership group has created an organization which is admired by the entire nation, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to showcase our best A-League players to the fans of Rochester.

The game will be shown nationally live on the Prime Sports Network. Locally, The Empire Sports Network will carry the game as a Prime Network affiliate. The all-star game will also feature several events for fan participation as well as a half-time skills competition.

The Rhinos hold the A-League single-game attendance record when 14,809 fans witnessed a Rochester-Montreal playoff match at Frontier Field on September 21, 1996. Rochester also holds the second all-time single-game mark as 14,717 packed Frontier Field on July 12, 1996 as the Rhinos hosted Montreal in the stadium's first-ever sporting event.

Personnel



Rochester Raging Rhinos 1997 Directory

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Rochester Raging Rhinos 1997 Media Guide

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ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS OWNERSHIP GROUP

Frank B. DuRoss
President

A life-long resident and prominent businessman in Utica, New York, Frank DuRoss has been involved in a number of entrepreneurial ventures that have proven successful in both the business and sports arenas. Oneida Building Services, Inc., Oneida Asbestos Removal, Inc., DuRoss Realty Corporation, Sylvan Strands, Inc., and WOWZ/WOWB FM radio are among the successful businesses that DuRoss has served or currently serves as president and co-owner. DuRoss also is co-owner of the Providence Bruins of the American Hockey League, and previously was involved with the Utica Devils Hockey Club and the Maine Mariners Hockey Club. Frank commutes to all Rhino home games, and is seen frequently in the Rhino offices, actively participating in the day-to-day operations of the club.

Steve Donner
Chief Executive Officer

President and CEO of the Rochester Americans Hockey Club, the word in Rochester is 'where Donner goes, the champagne flows'. The Amerks won the Calder Cup in 1996, and the Rochester Knighthawks of the Major Indoor Lacrosse League captured the North American Cup as league champions in 1997. Only a soccer championship remains for the Rochester native. During Donner's sixteen years in professional sports, he has worked for the NHL's Buffalo Sabres and Tampa Bay Lightning. He also has been instrumental in introducing four expansion franchises - the Dayton Gems (International Hockey League), Buffalo Bandits (Major Indoor Lacrosse League), Tampa Bay Lightning and the Knighthawks.

Chris Economides
Vice President/General Manager

Chris is a former owner of the Kansas City Attack of the indoor National Professional Soccer League. In only his second season, the Attack won the NPSL championship. A life-long resident of Rochester, Economides brings his soccer knowledge along with his love of the game to the Rhinos front office. He successfully owned and operated three family-style restaurants in the area before getting into the professional sports business.



CHRIS ECONOMIDES
VICE-PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER

Chris Economides was instrumental in forming the Rhinos team that reached both the A-League championship game as well as the US Open Cup final against DC United. In his role as Vice President/General Manager, Chris is responsible for the soccer business of the club. From scouting for players in the off-season to representing the team in league matters, Economides keeps busy year-round in helping to assemble one of the best organizations in professional soccer.

Economides previously was co-owner of the Kansas City Attack of the indoor NPSL for two seasons, 1991-92 and 1992-93. The Attack captured the NPSL championship in 1992-93, finishing a successful regular season and defeating Cleveland 3-2 in the finals before 12,000 in Kemper Arena.

A native of Rochester, Economides graduated from Monroe Community College and Eastridge High School. He has owned various restaurants in the area while pursuing his soccer dream. Chris, his wife Donna and their two sons are active in youth soccer, hockey and baseball.



PAT ERCOLI

HEAD COACH

Guiding the Rhinos into their second season of A-League play is Pat Ercoli, a 38 year-old native of Toronto who is no stranger to Rochester soccer fans. Ercoli starred for the Rochester Lancers of the NASL for three seasons (1978-80), where his hard work and tenacious play made him a fan favorite. He brought that same philosophy to the Rhinos as the team reached both the A-League championship game as well as the U.S. Open Cup final against MLS champion D.C. United. The Rhinos were 14-13 in the regular season and finished 19-16 overall last year.

Ercoli, with the help of Vice-President/General Manager Chris Economides, assembled an expansion team from scratch. While it took a while for the club to come together, by mid-season the Rhinos were arguably one of the hottest professional teams in North America. Wins over the Tampa Bay Mutiny and Colorado Rapids of the MLS in the U.S. Open Cup proved to the soccer world that the Ercoli-led squad was a team to be reckoned with.

Ercoli began his professional soccer career with Toronto Italia (NSL) in 1976 before moving to the Toronto Castors the following season, winning a championship. While playing the next three seasons with the Lancers, Ercoli adopted the indoor game as well, playing for the New York Arrows of the MISL. Ercoli also played with Detroit, Buffalo and Baltimore in the MISL before closing his ten-year professional career with the Cleveland Force. He captured three MISL division championships and one overall league title while with Baltimore.

Since his retirement from the pro game, Ercoli has lived in Rochester with his wife Karen and four children while entering private business. He kept active in soccer by coaching youth leagues, and has spent time as an assistant coach with Finger Lakes Community College and Monroe Community College.



FRANK ODOI

ASSISTANT COACH

Former Lancer Frank Odoi rejoins teammate Pat Ercoli for the Rhinos second season of A-League play as assistant coach. A popular soccer figure in the city of Rochester, Odoi played nine seasons with the Lancers from 1970 through 1978, helping Rochester to the NASL championship in 1970. The native of Ghana, Africa has played against such stars as Pele (Brazil), Johann Cruiff (Holland), Eusebio (Portugal), George Best (England) and Franz Beckenbauer (Germany) during his 18-year pro career.

Odoi began his professional career in Ghana, where he played for the National Team and represented Ghana in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He was selected as the best player in Tunis in 1965 as Ghana captured the African Cup. Drafted by the Washington Whips of the NASL in 1966, Odoi came to the United States in 1968 and played for the Whips that season before moving to the Syracuse Scorpions in 1969. Odoi was the Lancers MVP for the 1974 and 1975 seasons, playing both the forward and midfield position.

Odoi was an assistant soccer coach at Brockport State, and he has coached many championship youth soccer teams in the area during the past years.

ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS 1997 PLAYER PERSONNEL

NO	NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	D.O.B.	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LAST CLUB
0	THOMPSON, Rett	GK	6-4	200	11/17/69	27	Rochester, NY	ROCHESTER-A
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	GK	6-0	185	5/25/69	27	Prince William, VA	ROCHESTER-A/Philadelphia-NPSL
2	ASHE, Tim	D	6-0	170	2/7/70	27	Rochester, NY	ROCHESTER-A
3	HOUSER, Nate	D	6-2	185	10/8/72	24	Poway, CA	Kansas City-NPSL/Hamp Roads - USISL
4	MINOTT, Leon	D	5-7	150	6/19/69	27	St. Catherine, Jamaica	ROCHESTER-A
5	VILLAGRA, Gustavo	M	6-1	180	2/13/70	27	S.S. Jujuy, Argentina	ROCHESTER-A
6	RIVAS, Rene	D	6-2	180	10/18/68	28	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	ROCHESTER-A/Bufalo-NPSL
7	GUTIERREZ, Henry	F	5-8	150	8/28/68	28	Hoboken, NJ	ROCHESTER-A/Cleveland-NPSL
8	TANNER, Tommy	M	5-8	150	5/10/68	29	Syracuse, NY	ROCHESTER-A/Cleveland-NPSL
9	MONTEIRO, Darci	F	5-11	170	9/26/68	28	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	America-Brazilian Division I
10	McKAY, Yogi	M	5-8	160	6/16/65	31	Rochester, NY	ROCHESTER-A/Bufalo-NPSL
11	VIGNJEVIC, Nikola	F	6-2	165	3/12/71	26	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	Cleveland-NPSL/FC Cukaricki-Yugoslavia
12	PILATO, Nino	D	6-3	183	5/16/74	22	Rochester, NY	Mavericks-Rochester Premier
14	SMOTRICH, Yuriy	D	6-2	180	6/5/62	35	Chernomoretz, Ukraine	ROCHESTER-A
15	ALAMO, Ezikeil	M	5-8	160	10/26/72	24	Accra, Ghana	Santos-New York City
16	KENNEL, Chris	D	6-1	175	8/7/69	27	Rochester, NY	ROCHESTER-A
17	DAUDA, Fuseini	D	6-2	185	5/29/75	21	Accra, Ghana	ROCHESTER-A/Bufalo-NPSL
18	GLENN, Jimmy	F	5-11	180	8/9/72	24	Monterey, CA	Dallas-MLS/Baltimore-NPSL
19	MILLER, Doug	F	5-8	155	5/5/69	27	Newark, NJ	ROCHESTER-A/Bufalo-NPSL
22	STUART, Darrell	F	5-6	160	5/16/67	29	Antigua	ROCHESTER-A
23	STEENKAMP, Lenin	F	6-0	180	9/9/69	27	Durban, South Africa	ROCHESTER-A/Bufalo-NPSL
26	MARJEVIC, Novica	M	5-10	165	4/11/73	24	Niksic, Yugoslavia	Kansas City-NPSL/Sutjeska-Yugo. Div I
27	KOETTERS, Kevin	D	6-0	180	9/11/68	28	Quincy, IL	Kansas City-MLS/Kansas City-NPSL

V.P. & GENERAL MANAGER:	Chris Economides
HEAD COACH:	Pat Ercoli
ASSISTANT COACH:	Frank Odoi
HEAD TRAINER:	Craig Rand

Rochester Rhino Player Number Roster & Pronunciation List

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Pronounced</u>
0	Thompson, Rett	GK	
1	Andracki, Bill	GK	(ann-DRAK-kee)
2	Ashe, Tim	D	(ASH)
3	Houser, Nate	D	(HOW-zur)
4	Minott, Leon	D	(MY-not)
5	Villagra, Gustavo	M	(vi-LA-gra)
6	Rivas, Rene	D	(REE-vas)
7	Gutierrez, Henry	F	(goot-e-AIR-ez)
8	Tanner, Tommy	M	
9	Monteiro, Darci	F	(dar-SEE)
10	McKay, Yogi	M	(mic-EYE)
11	Vignjevic, Nikola	F	(VIN-u-vich)
12	Pilato, Nino	D	(pa-LAT-o)
14	Smotrich, Yuriy	D	(smo-TREESH)
15	Alamo, Ezekiel	M	(e-ZEE-kee-el)
16	Kennel, Chris	D	(KEN-el)
17	Dauda, Fuseini	D	(DOW-da)
18	Glenn, Jimmy	F	
19	Miller, Doug	F	
22	Stuart, Darrell	F	
23	Steenkamp, Lenin	F	(STEEN-camp)
26	Marojevic, Novica	M	(MAR-o-yay-vich)
27	Koettters, Kevin	D	(KETT-ers)

Vice President/GM:	Chris Economides (e-con-o-ME-dees)
Head Coach:	Pat Ercoli (air-CO-lee)
Assistant Coach:	Frank Odoi (oh-DOY)
Trainer:	Craig Rand



#15 EZIKEIL ALAMO

Midfielder

5'8" 160

Born: Accra, Ghana

October 26, 1972

Hometown: New York, NY

Citizenship: Ghana

Pro Career:

This is his first season with the Rhinos...played last summer for the Santos Club in the New York City "A" league....began his professional career at 17 years old with Heartx in Ghana....in 1992 he played in Nigeria, and the following season played for a professional club in Hungary.

Personal:

Prefers to be known as simply Ezikeil....nickname is "EZ".

DID YOU KNOW.....that the Rochester Raging Rhinos nickname was selected from a "Name The Team" contest conducted through the *Democrat & Chronicle* newspaper? Over 1,500 people entered the contest, with over 500 different names submitted for review. A panel of celebrity judges narrowed the selections from ten to four nicknames. The final four were **Roccers, Rhinos, Rampage and Ravens**. Rhinos was selected for its easily identifiable name, and Raging was added as a third name to let the public know that the Rhino means business!



#1 BILLY ANDRACKI

Goalkeeper

6'0", 185 lbs.

Born: Prince William, VA May 25, 1969

Hometown: Rochester, NY Citizenship: American

College:

Played at Rutgers University, where he was an NCAA All-American ... led the Scarlet Knights to the NCAA championship game his senior season ... led Mercer County Community College to the NJCAA National Championship title.

Pro career:

Four years of experience in the A-League with Tampa Bay, Atlanta and Rochester ... led Atlanta to the A-League championship game last season ... named the A-League's First Team All-Star goalkeeper in 1992, after leading Tampa Bay to the A-League championship game ... he also captured the league's Rookie-of-the-Year- and Goalkeeper-of-the-Year awards and was named *Soccer Digest's* Player of the Week that season ... also has extensive indoor experience, playing for the Cleveland Crunch from 1992-94 and splitting time between Tampa Bay and Chicago during the 1995 season.

1996 season:

Started all 27 regular season games for the Rhinos ... finished with a 11-13 record, including seven shutouts ... played over 2400 minutes ... allowed only 40 goals on 160 shots for a 1.49 goals against average ... had a 3-3 record in shootouts, making 14 saves on 37 shots.... started all four playoff games, but suffered severe facial cuts just 11 minutes into the A-League championship game in Seattle after crashing into the goal post and did not return....started three of the four US Open Cup games....returned to action just 24 days after his injury to start against DC United in the US Open Cup final at RFK Stadium.

Personal:

Is an avid golfer and likes to play in charity tournaments in the Rochester area....makes many appearances on behalf of the team, especially helping underprivileged children.



#2 TIM ASHE

Defender

6'0", 170 lbs.

Born: Rochester, NY February 7, 1970
Hometown: Hilton, NY Citizenship: American

High School:

Played his high school soccer at Hilton, where he was a First Team All-County selection and Second Team All-Greater Rochester during his junior and senior seasons.

College:

Played at Geneseo State, where he was named SUNYAC Player of the Year his sophomore season ... concluded his collegiate career at the University of Buffalo.

Pro career:

Tim played his rookie year with the Rhinos last season.

Amateur play:

Played for Team Lapine in 1995, where he helped the club to the United States Amateur Cup Finals in Indianapolis.

1996 season:

Played 144 minutes in eight regular-season games for the Rhinos ... started in one game against the Atlanta Ruckus (July 7) ... in his only appearance during the U.S. Open Cup Tournament, he recorded one shot on goal in seven minutes of play against MLS's Colorado Rapids ... played 17 minutes in one of the Rhinos' four playoff games.

Personal:

Tim and his wife Lisa were married last summer in Rochester.



#17 FUSEINI DAUDA

Defender

6'2", 185 lbs.

Born: Accra, Ghana

May 29, 1975

Hometown: Toronto, Canada

Citizenship: Canadian

Pro career:

Played for Montreal in the Canadian Soccer League during the 1995 season ... has also played for the Ramblers in New Hampshire....played last season for the Rhinos....played for the Buffalo Blizzard of the NPSL last winter, his first soccer venture indoors.

1996 season:

Started 21 out of the 23 regular-season games he played in for the Rhinos last season ... recorded one assist, along with 10 shots on goal ... had one goal in one attempt on shootouts ... known for his physical play (second on team in fouls with 49) ... played every minute in all four U.S. Open Cup Tournament matches and in all four playoff games....the *Montreal Gazette* newspaper called him the "Claude Lemieux of soccer" for his aggressive style of play....

Personal:

Likes to watch basketball on television, with Michael Jordan his favorite player....Fuseini likes to spend time with kids during charity appearances.

DID YOU KNOW......that the Rhinos set an A-League attendance record when 14,809 people watched a Rhinos playoff game at Frontier Field against Montreal on September 21, 1996? Although the Rhinos lost that match 3-0 in Game #2 of the A-League semi-finals, they went on to beat Montreal in the third and deciding game to earn the right to play in the A-League championship game against Seattle.



#18 JIMMY GLENN

Forward

5' 11" 180 lbs.

Born: Monterey, California

August 9, 1972

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Citizenship: American.

College:

Led the NCAA in scoring at Clemson University during 1993 season (32-12-76) ... First-team NCAA All-American in 1993 ... only second Clemson player ever to be named All-American as a freshman ... won ACC Rookie-of-the-Year his freshman year ... ACC Player-of-the-Year in 1990 and 1993 ... ranked second All-Time at Clemson in goals (68) and points (164).

Pro Career:

Played for MLS's Dallas Burn in 1996 ... member of the USISL's Greensboro Dynamo in 1994 and '95, helping the team to the league championship in '94 ... played this year for NPSL's Baltimore Spirit, where he finished sixth on club in scoring.

International Play:

Played for the U.S. Under-17 National Team in 1987 and also played for the U.S. Under-20 Team....played for the United States National "B" team in 1994..

1996 season:

Appeared in nine games for Dallas, starting one....did not record a point in that time.



#7 HENRY GUTIERREZ

Forward

5'8" 150 lbs.

Born: Hoboken New Jersey August 28, 1968

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio Citizenship: American

High School:

All-American at Hialeah High School in Miami.

College:

Three-time All-American at North Carolina State and two-time ACC Player of the Year (1990, 91).

Pro career:

Drafted by NPSL's Cleveland Crunch in 1992, but went to play in Europe for two years ... 1994-95 NPSL Rookie of the Year, in addition to being on the All-Rookie team with the Crunch ... began the 1996 season with the San Jose Clash of the MLS before signing with the Rhinos.

International play:

Was part of U.S. under-20 team in Chile in 1987 ... played in Europe with Stade Brestois 29 of French Second Division from 1992-94....is a candidate for the United States National Team.

1996 season:

Started in all 13 regular-season games he played, recording nine points on three goals and three assists ... started and played in three U.S. Open Cup Tournament matches, scoring one goal on four shots and recording two assists....scored the first goal in the 4-3 double overtime win against Tampa Bay in the quarter-finals of the US Open Cup....played every minute of all four playoff games, recording one assist and six shots on goal.

Personal:

Henry enjoys golf and likes to travel in his spare time....single.

#3 NATE HOUSER

Defender

6'2" 185 lbs.

Born: Poway California

October 8, 1972

Hometown: Kansas City, MO

Citizenship: American

College:

Two-time first-team NAIA All-American at Baker University ... set school records for goals (67), assists (38) and points (172) ... helped Baker win three consecutive District 10 NAIA titles ... two-time Heart of America Athletic Conference, NAIA District 10 and NAIA-Area 4 Player of the Year ... finished second in the nation his junior year in goals (31) ... earned first-team NSCAA-Umbro All-American his senior year and was selected to the NSCAA-Umbro Senior Bowl.

Pro career:

Drafted by NPSL's Wichita Wings in the 1993 winter amateur draft, but was traded the next day to the Kansas City Attack ... has played last four NPSL seasons for the Attack played for the USISL's St. Louis Knights during the 1995 season ... member of the USISL's Hampton Road Mariners last season, where he was voted team most valuable player. ... scored his first three-point goal against Tony Meola on Jan. 24, 1995.

1996 season:

Had 37 points in 37 games as a defenseman for the Attack ... part of Attack defense that allowed a league-low 430 points.....helped Knsas City to the NPSL playoff finals.

Personal:

Earned a degree in history/political science from Baker University.....single.



#16 CHRIS "CHILI" KENNEL

Defender

6'1", 175 lbs.

Born: Morristown, NJ

August 7, 1969

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Citizenship: American

High School:

Played at Pittsford-Mendon, where he was the *Democrat & Chronicle's* Athlete of the Year in 1987... he was a soccer All-American and the Section V Downhill Skiing champion; he was also the Downhill runner-up at the State Championship meet ... was named All-County and All-Greater Rochester after both his junior and senior years.

College:

Team captain for Cornell University in 1992.

Pro career:

Played two seasons for Hawaii in USISL before coming to the Raging Rhinos.

1996 season:

Started in five out of the 12 regular-season games he played for the Rhinos ... played in all three U.S. Open Cup Tournament matches, starting one of them ... scored game-winning goal in the second overtime period against Tampa Bay in the second game of the U.S. Open Cup ... recorded one assist and had five shots on goal during the regular season ... missed eight matches due to injury.

Personal:

Founded Chili Pepper Futbol, a soccer apparel company while in Hawaii in 1994.... world headquarters are now located in downtown Rochester....co-hosts the "Soccer Sam" radio and television show, which originates from Rochester....has appeared in television commercials as a double for Jerry Seinfeld.

#27 KEVIN KOETTERS

Defender

6'0" 180 lbs

Born: Quincy, Illinois

September 11, 1968

Hometown: Shawnee, Kansas

Citizenship: American

College:

Played at Rockhurst College, where he was a two-time NAIA All-American ... helped them to the NAIA National Tournament, where he earned NAIA All-Tournament honors.

Pro career:

Twelfth-round draft pick of MLS's Kansas City Wiz last summer ... started six matches for the Wiz last year, recording one assist....has played six seasons with the NPSL's Kansas City Attack ... acquired by Kansas City as a free agent in 1991 ... a 1990 second-round pick by both the NPSL's Illinois Thunder and the MSL's St. Louis Storm ... signed by the Storm for part of the 1990-91 season, but did not play in any games ... played for the CISL's San Diego Sockers during the summer of 1993.....played outdoors for the Colorado Foxes of the A-League in 1990.

1996 season:

Started in six out of the 15 regular-season games he played for the MLS Wiz, recording one assist....played the sweeper position for the Wiz.

Personal:

Nickname is "Kets"....is an eight-handicap golfer, and lists reading as one of his favorite hobbies.

#26 NOVICA MAROJEVIC

Midfielder

5'10", 165 lbs.

Born: Niksic, Yugoslavia

April 11, 1973

Hometown: Niksic, Yugoslavia

Citizenship: Yugoslavian

Pro career:

This is his first season with the Rhinos, and his first venture outdoors in the United States....started playing soccer when he was 13 years old in his native Yugoslavia....he played professionally with Suteska in the Yugoslavian First Division in his hometown of Niksic....played for the Kansas City Attack of the indoor NPSL last winter, helping the team reach the finals in the playoffs.

Personal:

Nickname is "Novi"married to Jadranka.

DID YOU KNOW.....that the Rhinos played their first four home games at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium? They had a record of 1-3 at the stadium, then moved to Frontier Field on July 12, 1996, hosting the first-ever sporting event at the new downtown stadium. A crowd of 14,717 attended the match that night as Doug Miller scored three second half for a 3-2 win over the Montreal Impact.



#10 ANDREW "YOGI" McKAY

Midfielder

5'8", 160 lbs.

Born: Rochester, NY June 16, 1965

Hometown: Buffalo, NY Citizenship: American

High school:

Played at Greece Arcadia high school in Rochester.

College:

Was an All-American at Monroe Community College before going on to Catawba College, where he was a four-year starter and was named to the All-South-Atlantic Conference Team his senior season.

Pro career:

First player signed to a professional contract by the Raging Rhinos ... played 1995-96 season with the Buffalo Blizzard, scoring nine points in 24 games ... joined the Orlando Lions of the A-League in 1990 before moving over to the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers from 1991 to 1993 ... second on the Strikers in scoring (6-8-20) when they captured the Northern Division Championship ... began his indoor career in 1989 with the Dayton Dynamo of the NPSL ... played with Buffalo during the 1993-94 indoor season, took a year off, then rejoined the Blizzard last year.

International play:

After college, he had a tryout with the Dundee Football Club in Scotland, where he played on their reserve team.

Amateur play:

Played for Team Lapine two summers ago; the team reached the United States Amateur Cup Final in Indianapolis.

1996 season:

Started in 20 out of the 22 games he played for the Rhinos ... had one goal and one assist, along with 11 shots on goal ... scored two goals on four attempts in shootouts ... was the first Rhino to be ejected from a game...started in all three U.S. Open Cup Tournament matches ... played every minute in all four playoff games for Rhinos.

Personal

Enjoys spending time with his wife Aileen and their son, Cameron....Yogi's father played for the Rochester Lancers of the NASL....Yogi is an avid golfer who won local tournaments as a teenager.



#19 DOUG MILLER

Forward

5'8", 155 lbs.

Born: Newark, N.J.

May 5, 1969

Hometown: Rochester, NY Citizenship: American

College:

Doug played four seasons at Loyola-Baltimore.

Pro career:

Finished third on Cleveland Crunch in scoring last winter, helping the team win the NPSL championship in six games against the Kansas City Attack ... spent two seasons in Harrisburg in the NPSL before being traded to Cleveland during the 1993-94 indoor season ... played in the A-League in 1991 with Maryland ... spent summer of 1994 and 1995 with New York of the USISL, the same New York team now in the A-League.

1996 season:

Led A-League in scoring with 18 goals enroute to making All-A-League team ... played in all 27 regular-season games for the Rhinos, starting 23 of them ... had team-leading 38 points and 71 shots on goal during regular season ... in U.S. Open Cup Tournament play, Miller played in every minute of all three games and led the team in goals (4) and points (18) and was tied for first in shots with Hector Marinaro (13) ... started in all four play-off games and scored one goal on nine shots ... Miller is the fastest player on the Rhinos' roster.

Personal:

Operates the Doug Miller Soccer Camp in the Rochester....appears on the "Brother Wease Morning Circus", a local radio morning show....appears on behalf of the Rhinos at schools to talk about the D.A.R.E. program with local law enforcement agencies.



#4 LEON MINOTT

Defender

5'7", 150 lbs.

Born: St. Catharine, Jamaica June 19, 1969

Hometown: Rochester, NY Citizenship: American

College:

Attended Roberts Wesleyan College, where he was a four-year starter and achieved All-American honors three times ... named All-Conference and All-New York State his senior season.

Pro career:

The Rhinos are the first pro team Leon has played for.

International play:

Has 35 caps as a member of the Jamaican National Team.

Amateur play:

Member of Team Lapine, which reached the U.S. Amateur Cup Finals two summers ago in Indianapolis.

1996 season:

Started in 20 out of the 22 regular-season games he played for the Raging Rhinos ... played in two games, started in one, during the U.S. Open Cup Tournament ... played in all four playoff games, including two starts.

Personal:

Leon and his wife Beth have three children - Keanen (5), Mikalia (2) and Adina (1).... works as an accountant in the Rochester area.



#9 DARCI MONTEIRO

Forward

5'11", 170 lbs.

Born: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil September 26, 1968

Hometown: Rio de Janeiro Citizenship: Brazilian

Pro Career:

Has played for Botofogo in the Brazilian First Division as well as Belenenses in the Portuguese First Division....is known for his speed and quickness at the forward position.

Personal:

Nickname is the "Roadrunner"....prefers to be known by his first name - Darci.

DID YOU KNOW.....the Rhinos earned the fourth and final A-League playoff spot on the final day of the regular season? The Rhinos had to beat the New York Fever on September 14 to break a tie with the Vancouver 86ers for the last playoff spot. Hector Marinaro scored two goals to lead Rochester to a 3-0 win over the Fever in a match played in Hershey, PA. The win propelled the Rhinos into the playoffs in their inaugural season.



#12 NINO PILATO

Defender

Born: Rochester, NY May 16, 1974
Hometown: Rochester, NY Citizenship: American

High School:

Was a two-time All-Monroe County selection at Greece Olympia High School in Rochester.

College:

Played two seasons at Monroe Community College, earning All-Region both years and All-Conference one season....continued his college career at Canisius College, where he was selected All-Conference his senior year.

Pro Career:

This is his first season with the Rhinos....was a draft pick of Baton Rouge of the new Eastern Indoor Soccer League.

Personal:

Graduated from Canisius this spring as a physical education major with a sports medicine minor....played eight years with the Mavericks soccer club, a local soccer organization that is part of the United States Olympic development program.



#6 RENE RIVAS

Defender/Midfield

6'2", 180 lbs.

Born: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil October 18, 1968

Hometown: Rochester, NY Citizenship: Brazilian

Pro career:

Helped S.C. Campomaior capture the 1995 Portugal Professional League Championship ... scored the only goal in Botafogo's 1-0 win over Corinthians in the playoff semi-finals of the Brazilian Cup in 1992 played for America and Sao Cristovao in the Brazilian Professional League ... played four seasons with Flamengo in the Brazilian Junior League, winning the Championship three times....played for the Buffalo Blizzard this past winter, his first foray into indoor soccer.

International play:

Was a member of the Brazilian National Junior Team in 1984.

1996 season:

Voted Rhinos' Most Valuable Player by teammates....named to All-A-League Team ... started in all 25 games he played.... considered one of the league's top offensive defenders, can also play the midfield position....first among the team's defenders in scoring (2-4-8) and shots on goal (25).... also was one of the more aggressive players on the Rhinos, recording a team-high 56 fouls.... scored one goal in three attempts during shootouts ... started all four games during the U.S. Open Cup Tournament ...his best game was the third and deciding game in the A-League semi-finals in Montreal, when he scored both goals in the team's 2-1 win over the Impact to send the Rhinos to the A-league championship game against Seattle.

Personal:

Is married to Fernanda, and they have a son Pedro, age 6, and a new baby daughter Mariana, born in April of this year....is one of the Rhinos who endlessly signs autographs for soccer fans of all ages.



#14 YURIY SMOTRICH

Defender

6'2", 180 lbs.

Born: Chernomorets, Ukraine June 5, 1962

Hometown: New York, NY Citizenship: Ukrainian

Pro career:

Has 14 years of professional soccer experience, most with Chernomorets in the Ukraine First Division, one of the top teams in the Ukrainian league ... has played throughout Asia, Africa, and Europe during his tours with the Chernomorets club ... has also played in the Czechoslovakian First Division.

International play:

Was a member of the Ukrainian Junior National Team.

1996 season:

Started in 16 of the 18 regular-season games he played for the Raging Rhinos ... scored one goal in three attempts during shootouts ... played every minute in all four games of the U.S. Open Cup Tournament ... started in the two games he played during the playoffs...played mostly the sweeper position for Coach Ercoli.

Personal:

Is married to Natalia, with a six year-old daughter named Kate....likes to spend time within the Ukrainian community in Rochester.



#23 LENIN STEENKAMP

Forward/Midfield

5'11", 180 lbs.

Born: Durban, South Africa September 9, 1969

Hometown: Durban, SA Citizenship: South African

College:

Three-time NCAA All-American at Lynn University ... won the National Championship in 1991, where he was named the MVP of the tournament....was named the NAIA Player of the Year in 1991 and was voted the best offensive player in 1991 and 1992.

Pro career:

Signed with the APSL Ft. Lauderdale Strikers in 1994 after graduating from college ... played for Atlanta Ruckus in 1995, where he led the team in scoring 10 goals and 10 assists for 20 points and, along with Rhino teammate Bill Andracki, helped take the team to the A-League finals ... traded from the Ruckus to Montreal midway through last season, and a day later was traded to Rochester....played the second half of the indoor season last winter for the Buffalo Blizzard.

1996 season:

Named captain of the Rhinos late last season....won the Rhinos team award for dedication and leadership, as voted by his teammates....started in all 21 regular-season games he played for the Rhinos ... Traded to Rhinos, June 28, from Montral Impact ... scored five goals and had five assists for Rhinos ... scored nine goals overall scored his first goal as a Rhino last season vs. Vancouver (7/5)....second on Rhinos in shots with 57 ... scored two shootout goals in three attempts for Rhinos ... played in every minute of all four U.S. Open Cup Tournament matches ... scored two goals and recorded 10 shots during U.S. Open Cup ... played in every minute of Rhinos' four playoff games, scoring one goal and recording 10 shots.

Personal:

Is single and likes to spend his spare time fishing....is always the last player off the field after games, happily signing autographs for the fans.



#22 DARRELL STUART

Forward

5'6", 160 lbs.

Born: Antigua

May 16, 1967

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Citizenship: American

College:

Was a four-year starter at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, where he ranks ninth on the school's all-time scoring list....was selected for the Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities for athletics.

Pro career:

Was a rookie for the Rhinos last season.

Amateur play:

Member of 1995 U.S. Amateur Cup finalist Team Lapine.

1996 season:

Played in one regular-season game for the Rhinos ... played in the U.S. Open Cup final at RFK Stadium against D.C. Unitedplayed in one playoff game against Montreal.

Personal:

Is married to Phillipa and they have three children - Phillesha, Joniques and Jabari.... works in administration for Wegmans, a local supermarket chain.



#8 TOMMY TANNER

Midfielder

5'8", 150 lbs.

Born: Syracuse, NY

May 10, 1968

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Citizenship: American.

High school:

Two-time Parade Magazine All-American at Henninger High School in Syracuse ... was an All-New York State selection three times.

College:

Attended North Carolina State University, where he was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection ... led the Wolfpack to an NCAA Final Four appearance his senior season.

Pro career:

Has played six seasons with the indoor NPSL's Cleveland Crunch ... helped the Crunch to an NPSL championship in 1995-96, and to the finals again this season.... was the MISL's Rookie of the Year during the 1991-92.

1996 season:

Started in all 26 regular-season games he played for the Rhinos ... second among Rhinos' midfielders in assists (6) ... had one goal on nine shots ... was 0 for 2 on shootout attempts ... started in all four U.S. Open Cup Tournament matches ... started and played in three of the four playoff games.

Personal

Enjoys returning to the Syracuse area to give soccer clinics to his hometown youth organizations....played a regular season indoor game with the Crunch at The Arena at the War Memorial in January of 1997 against the Toronto Shooting Stars.



#0 RETT THOMPSON

Goalkeeper

6'4", 200 lbs.

Born: Rochester, NY November 17, 1969

Hometown: Rochester, NY Citizenship: American

High school:

Played at Pittsford Sutherland, where he was an All-County goalkeeper his junior and senior seasons ... established a Monroe County record for most shutouts in one season, which he still holds....was an All-American his senior year.

College:

Played for the University of Wisconsin in the Big Ten.

Pro career:

The Rhinos are his first pro team.

1996 season:

Made 14 saves in a 3-0 shutout win against the Colorado Rapids in the semi-finals of the U.S. Open Cup Tournament in his only start of the season ... made only one appearance during regular season, playing 19 minutes ... played 79 minutes of A-League championship game, making two saves on four shots.

Personal:

Works full time as an engineer at Xerox in Rochester....enjoys sleeping, cooking (mostly fruit), French Existentialism and when not sleeping, napping.

#11 NIKOLA VIGNJEVIC

Forward

6'2" 165 lbs.

Born: Belgrade, Yugoslavia

March 12, 1971

Hometown: Belgrade, Yugoslavia Citizenship: Yugoslavian

Pro Career:

This is his first season with the Rhinos, and his first outdoor season in the United.... started playing soccer at age 7 for FC Partizan in Yugoslavia....played for various Belgrade amateur teams as a youth, and has been named to the Serbian All-Star team numerous times....has played professionally for FC Cukaricki of the Yugoslavian First Division.

Indoor Career:

Played for the Cleveland Crunch of the NPSL last winter, helping the team reach the finals of the playoffs....played in all 40 games, and was third on the club in scoring with 149 points....

was a reserve for the 1996-97 NPSL All-Star team....previously played for San Jose in the Continental Indoor Soccer League.

Personal:

Nickname is "Nikki"....has one year remaining on his indoor contract with Cleveland.

DID YOU KNOW.....that Rhinos co-owners Steve Donner and Frank DuRoss own teams in the American Hockey League. Donner is President and CEO of the Rochester Americans while DuRoss is co-owner of the Providence Bruins.



#5 GUSTAVO VILLAGRA

Midfielder

6'1", 180 lbs.

Born: S.S. Jujuy, Argentina February 13, 1970

Hometown: S.S. Jujuy, Argentina Citizenship: Argentinian

Pro career:

Began his career in 1988 in the Argentinian Junior leagues ... played for Zuchitepeques in Guatemalan First Division in 1996 ... played for Inter de Tijuana in the Mexican Second Division in 1995-96 ... member of Deportivo Italiano of the Argentinian Second Division from 1993-95 ... had a brief stop in 1993 with Coquintero (Chile) of the First Division.

1996 season:

Started in 15 of the 17 regular-season games he played for the Rhinos ... recorded 17 shots on goal ... was 0 for 1 in shootout attempts ... played 113 minutes in a thrilling overtime win over the Tampa Bay Mutiny in the second match of the U.S. Open Cup Tournament ... started and played in all four playoff games ... scored one goal in four playooof games.

Personal

Gustavo's 21 year-old brother, Walter, had a tryout with the Rhinos....returns to his hometown in Argentina during the winter.

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1996 ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHOTS	FOULS	CARDS		SHOOTOUT	
											C	E	G	ATT
0	THOMPSON, Rert	GK	1	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	GK	27	27	2,411	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2	LOPEZ, Dino	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	ASHE, Tim	D	8	1	144	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1
4	MINOTT, Leon	D	22	20	1,665	0	0	0	1	21	3	0	0	0
5	SMOTRICH, Yuri	D	18	16	1,502	0	1	1	0	24	1	0	1	3
6	RIVAS, Rene	D	25	25	2,223	2	4	8	25	56	6	0	1	3
7	GUTIERREZ, Henry	M	13	13	1,034	3	3	9	26	27	5	0	0	2
8	TANNER, Tommy	M	26	26	2,035	1	6	8	9	27	4	0	0	2
9	KELLY, Danny	M	20	20	1,725	2	3	7	22	19	3	0	2	3
10	McKAY, Yogi	M	22	20	1,621	1	1	3	11	45	2	2	2	4
11	DEBRAH, Kofi	F	18	8	711	4	2	10	14	10	1	0	0	1
12	YOUNG, Paul	F	4	2	200	4	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	0
14	VILLAGRA, Gustavo	M	17	15	1,260	0	0	0	17	37	2	0	0	1
15	ERCOLI, Pat	M	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	ALLEN, Howard	F	1	0	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
16	KENNEL, Chris	D	12	5	663	0	1	1	5	10	0	0	0	0
17	DAUDA, Fuseini	F	23	21	1,856	0	1	1	10	49	8	0	1	1
18	HOFFINGER, Carl	F	4	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	MILLER, Doug	F	27	23	2,228	18	2	38	71	26	1	0	0	4
20	TOMETSKO, Ken	M	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
21	MARNARO, Hector	M	23	19	1,758	4	7	15	51	14	4	1	3	5
22	STUART, Darrell	F	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	STEENKAMP, Lenin	F	21	21	1,890	5	5	15	57	26	3	0	2	3
DEPARTED:														
	RIZI, Marco	D	10	7	540	0	0	0	4	7	1	1	0	0
	KARIC, Zoran	M	6	5	303	0	1	1	22	6	0	1	1	2
	ROMANELLO, Gustavo	F	4	3	215	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1
	WURDAK, Tom	M	4	3	273	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			27	27	2,430	44	36	124	328	398	41	3	12	34

SHOOTOUT

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MINS	GA	SVS	GAA	SO	RECORD			SHOTS		RECORD		
									W	L	T	FACTOR	SAVES	GA	W	L
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	27	27	2,411	40	120	1.49	7	11	13		37	14	13	3	3
0	THOMPSON, Rert	1	0	19	2	1	9.47	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS		27	27	2,430	42	121	1.56	7	11	13		37	14	13	3	3

RECORD	GP	W	L	SOW	SOL	SCORING	1st	2nd	TOT	SHOTS	TOTAL
RHINOS	27	11	13	3	3	RHINOS	15	29	44	RHINOS	367
OPPONENTS	27	13	11	3	3	OPPONENTS	13	29	42	OPPONENTS	289

RHINOS WHEN:

Scoring First Goal	9(1)-2
Allowing First Goal	2(1)-10
Outshooting opponent	9(2)-7
Shots are Tied	1(1)-0
Outshot by opponent	1-6
Leading at Half-Time	6-0
Tied at Half-Time	4(3)-8
Trailing at Half-Time	1-5

() = Shootout Win

RHINOS

158
1
4
0
62
413
50
6

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

CORNER KICKS		128
CORNER KICKS SCORED		1
PENALTY KICKS		3
PENALTY KICKS SCORED		2
OFFSIDES		70
FOULS		372
CAUTIONS		32
EJECTIONS		4

1996 ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS PLAYOFF STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHOTS	CARDS			SHOOTOUT	
										FOULS	C	E	G	ATT
0	THOMPSON, Reth	GK	1	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	GK	4	4	281	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	ASHE, Tim	D	1	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	MINOTT, Leon	D	4	2	233	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
5	SMOTRICH, Yuri	D	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
6	RIVAS, Rene	D	3	3	270	2	0	4	4	11	1	0	0	0
7	GUTIERREZ, Henry	M	4	4	360	0	1	1	6	12	0	0	0	0
8	TANNER, Tommy	M	3	3	241	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0
9	KELLY, Danny	M	2	2	129	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
10	McKAY, Yogi	M	4	4	360	0	0	0	2	6	1	0	0	0
11	DEBRAH, Kofi	F	3	0	55	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
12	YOUNG, Paul	F	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	VILLAGRA, Gustavo	M	4	4	299	1	0	2	1	20	1	0	0	0
15	ALLEN, Howard	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	KENNEL, Chris	D	2	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	DAUDA, Fuseini	F	4	4	360	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0
18	HOPFINGER, Carl	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	MILLER, Doug	F	4	4	344	1	0	2	9	4	1	0	0	0
21	MARINARO, Hector	M	4	4	328	0	0	0	14	2	1	0	0	0
22	STUART, Darrell	F	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	STEENKAMP, Lenin	F	4	4	360	1	0	2	10	9	1	0	0	0
TOTALS			4	4	360	5	1	11	48	83	12	0	0	0

SHOOTOUT

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MINS	GA	SVS	GAA	RECORD			SHOTS		RECORD		
								W	L	T	FACTD	SAVES	GA	W	L
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	4	4	281	6	19	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	THOMPSON, Reth	1	0	79	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS		4	4	360	8	23	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

RECORD	GP	W	L	SOW	SOL	SCORING	1st	2nd	TOT	SHOTS	TOTAL
RHINOS	4	2	2	0	0	RHINOS	3	2	5	RHINOS	48
OPPONENTS	4	2	2	0	0	OPPONENTS	1	7	8	OPPONENTS	58

RHINOS WHEN:

	W-L
Scoring First Goal	1-0
Allowing First Goal	1-2
Outshooting opponent	0-1
Shots are Tied	0-0
Outshot by opponent	2-1
Leading at Half-Time	1-0
Tied at Half-Time	1-2
Trailing at Half-Time	0-0

() = Shootout Win

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

RHINOS	OPPONENTS
20	CORNER KICKS
0	CORNER KICKS SCORED
1	PENALTY KICKS
1	PENALTY KICKS SCORED
9	OFFSIDES
83	FOULS
12	CAUTIONS
0	EJECTIONS

RHINOS 1996 GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

GAME	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L	RECORD	GOALIE	GOAL SCORERS	HOME ATT.	ROAD ATT.
1	5/10	NEW YORK FEVER	1-1	L-SO	0-1	Andracki	Kelly	5,834	
2	5/31	SEATTLE SOUNDERS	1-1	L-SO	0-2	Andracki	Marinero	5,261	
3	6/9	@ Montreal Impact	0-2	L	0-3	Andracki	None		5,344
4	6/15	MONTREAL IMPACT	0-0	L-SO	0-4	Andracki	None	5,038	
5	6/21	VANCOUVER 86'ers	3-2	W	1-4	Andracki	Debrah, McKay, Marinero	4,594	
6	6/27	@ Colorado Foxes	0-6	L	1-5	Andr/Thomp	None		1,176
7	6/29	@ Seattle Sounders	0-1	L	1-6	Andracki	None		3,462
8	7/5	@ Vancouver 86'ers	2-3	L	1-7	Andracki	Steenkamp, Miller		5,172
9	7/7	@ Atlanta Ruckus	1-1	W-SO	1(1)-7	Andracki	Miller		900
10	7/10	@ Montreal Impact	0-3	L	1(1)-8	Andracki	None		5,342
11	7/12	MONTREAL IMPACT	3-2	W	2(1)-8	Andracki	Miller (3)	14,717	
12	7/19	NEW YORK FEVER	2-0	W	3(1)-8	Andracki	Miller, Kelly	9,983	
13	7/26	ATLANTA RUCKUS	3-1	W	4(1)-8	Andracki	Miller (3)	12,331	
14	8/3	SEATTLE SOUNDERS	2-1	W	5(1)-8	Andracki	Miller, Debrah	13,142	
15	8/7	VANCOUVER 86'ers	1-2	L	5(1)-9	Andracki	Debrah	9,821	
16	8/10	New York Fever @ Roch	2-2	W-SO	5(2)-9	Andracki	Steenkamp, Miller		7,126
17	8/14	@ Seattle Sounders	0-2	L	5(2)-10	Andracki	None		2,587
18	8/16	@ Vancouver 86'ers	1-0	W	6(2)-10	Andracki	Steenkamp		4,093
19	8/18	@ Colorado Foxes	2-5	L	6(2)-11	Andracki	Debrah, Miller		3,879
20	8/21	COLORADO FOXES	0-0	W-SO	6(3)-11	Andracki	None	11,196	
21	8/25	NEW YORK FEVER	3-2	W	7(3)-11	Andracki	Gutierrez, Rivas, Miller	10,664	
22	8/30	ATLANTA RUCKUS	8-2	W	8(3)-11	Andracki	Miller (3), Tanner, Young, Steenkamp, Rivas, Gutierrez,	11,311	
23	9/1	@ Atlanta Ruckus	4-0	W	9(3)-11	Andracki	Young (3), Miller		926
24	9/4	@ Montreal Impact	1-2	L	9(3)-12	Andracki	Gutierrez		3,987
25	9/11	MONTREAL IMPACT	1-0	W	10(3)-12	Andracki	Steenkamp	8,128	
26	9/13	COLORADO FOXES	0-1	L	10(3)-13	Andracki	None	12,249	
27	9/14	vs NY Fever @ Hershey	3-0	W	11(3)-13	Andracki	Marinero (2), Miller		2,465
					14 HOME GAMES PLAYED	ATTENDANCE TOTALS:			
					13 ROAD GAMES PLAYED	AVERAGE PER GAME:			
						134,269			
						43,994			
						9,591			

RHINOS VS THE A-LEAGUE 1996

TEAM	RECORD						SHOOTOUT					
	GP	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL	GF	GA
ATLANTA	4	2-0	1(1)-0	3(1)-0	10	16	4	0-0	1-0	1-0	3	2
COLORADO	4	0(1)-1	0-2	0(1)-3	1	2	12	1-0	0-0	1-0	2	1
MONTREAL	6	2-1	0-3	2-4	6	5	9	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2
NEW YORK	5	2-1	1(1)-0	3(1)-1	10	11	5	0-1	1-0	1-1	4	4
SEATTLE	4	1-1	0-2	1-3	3	3	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	3	4
VANCOUVER	4	1-1	1-1	2-2	6	7	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	27	8(1)-5	3(2)-8	11(3)-13	36	44	42	1-3	2-0	3-3	13	13

RHINOS RECORD BY THE:

MONTH	GP	W-L (SOW)	PTS	DAY	GP	W-L (SOW)	PTS
MAY	2	0-2	0	MONDAY	0	0-0	0
JUNE	5	1-4	3	TUESDAY	0	0-0	0
JULY	6	3(1)-2	10	WEDNESDAY	6	1(1)-4	4
AUGUST	9	4(2)-3	14	THURSDAY	1	0-1	0
SEPTEMBER	5	3-2	9	FRIDAY	10	6-4	18
				SATURDAY	5	2(1)-2	7
				SUNDAY	5	2(1)-2	7
TOTALS	27	11(3)-13	36	TOTALS	27	11(3)-13	36

1996 A-League Standings & Statistics

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Montreal Impact	27	17	6	4	40	18	55
Colorado Foxes	27	14	11	2	55	33	44
Seattle Sounders	27	12	11	4	35	25	40
ROCHESTER RHINOS	27	11	13	3	44	42	36
Vancouver 86ers	27	10	14	3	38	38	33
New York Fever	27	6	18	3	30	40	21
Atlanta Ruckus	22	3	19	0	14	60	9

Note: Teams earn 3 points for a regulation win and 1 point for a shootout win.

HOME RECORD

<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SW</u>
Montreal	10-1	2
Colorado	9-4	1
ROCHESTER	8-5	1
Seattle	8-3	3
Vancouver	6-6	2
New York	5-8	1
Atlanta	2-7	0

AWAY RECORD

<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SW</u>
Montreal	7-5	2
Colorado	6-7	0
Vancouver	4-8	1
Seattle	4-8	1
ROCHESTER	3-8	2
New York	1-10	2
Atlanta	1-12	0

GOALS SCORED

<u>Team</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Colorado	55	2.04
ROCHESTER	44	1.63
Montreal	40	1.48
Vancouver	38	1.41
New York	30	1.11
Seattle	35	1.30
Atlanta	14	0.64

GOALS ALLOWED

<u>Team</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Montreal	18	0.66
Seattle	25	0.93
Colorado	33	1.22
Vancouver	38	1.41
New York	40	1.48
ROCHESTER	42	1.56
Atlanta	60	2.73

SHOTS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg</u>
ROCHESTER	372	15.5
Seattle	401	14.85
Colorado	395	14.63
Vancouver	348	12.89
New York	321	11.89
Montreal	318	11.78
Atlanta	212	9.64

SAVES

<u>Team</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Montreal	175	6.48
Vancouver	143	5.30
New York	129	4.78
Atlanta	105	4.77
Seattle	124	4.59
Colorado	122	4.52
ROCHESTER	120	4.44

SHOOTOUTS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Gms</u>	<u>Att/G</u>	<u>Scoring %</u>	<u>Att/Sv</u>	<u>Save %</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>SL</u>
Montreal	4	19/11	58%	19/5	26%	4	0
Seattle	8	38/16	42%	38/11	29%	4	4
Vancouver	6	27/10	38%	27/9	33%	3	3
ROCHESTER	6	38/13	34%	38/14	37%	3	3
New York	8	37/14	38%	37/13	35%	3	5
Colorado	4	22/9	41%	22/6	27%	2	2
Atlanta	2	17/5	29%	17/8	47%	0	2

ATTENDANCE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Gms</u>	<u>Best Att</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
ROCHESTER	14	14,717	134,269	9,591
Montreal	13	7,231	63,288	4,868
Vancouver	14	5,172	50,914	3,637
Seattle	14	6,072	49,538	3,538
Colorado	14	5,722	43,419	3,101
New York	13	7,126	21,535	1,657
Atlanta	9	2,617	12,141	1,349
A-LEAGUE	91	14,717	375,104	4,122

LEADING SCORERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
Wolde Harris, COL	17	8	42
DOUG MILLER, ROC	18	2	38
Domenic Mobilio, VAN	14	4	32
LENIN STEENKAMP, ROC	9	5	23
Carsten Siersbaek, COL	7	8	22
Eddy Berdusco, MON	8	3	19
Lloyd Barker, MON	6	7	19
Jason Farrell, SEA	6	5	17
Mauro Biello, MON	6	3	15
Walter Boyd, COL	5	5	15
Anthony McCreath, COL	5	5	15
HECTOR MARINARO, ROC	4	7	15
Chance Fry, SEA	6	2	14
Jorge Acosta, NY	5	4	14
Joey Leonetti, SEA	6	2	14

GAME-WINNING GOALS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Game Winning Goals</u>	<u>Total Goals</u>
Wolde Harris, COL	6	17
DOUG MILLER, ROC	4	13
Giuliano Oliviero, VAN	4	5
LENIN STEENKAMP, ROC	3	9
Mauro Biello, MON	3	6
Carsten Siersbaek, COL	3	6
Nick DeSantis, MON	3	4

GOALKEEPERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>SVS</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>GAA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SW</u>
Paolo Ceccarelli, MON	26/26	2340	166	17	13	0.65	17-5	4
Marcus Hahnemann, SEA	27/27	2378	120	24	11	0.91	12-11	4
Trey Harrington, COL		27/27	2422	116	33	1.0	1.23	14-11 2
Paul Dolan, VAN	24/24	2119	132	30	7	1.27	9-13	2
Khalil Azmi, NY	8/8	720	54	11	2	1.38	1-6	1
BILL ANDRACKI, ROC	27/27	2410	121	40	7	1.49	11-13	3
Dave Barrueta, ATL	4/4	360	18	6	0	1.50	0-4	0
Peter Zaratini, NY	19/19	1710	75	29	3	1.53	5-12	2
Mun Young Yi, ATL	10/10	900	50	22	3	2.20	3-7	0

A-LEAGUE PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

Week 1	Chance Fry, SEA	Week 2	Wolde Harris, COL
Week 3	Dick McCormick, SEA	Week 4	Lenin Steenkamp, ATL
Week 5	Nick DeSantis, MON	Week 6	Carlos Llamasa, NY
Week 7	Paolo Ceccarelli, MON	Week 8	Mauro Biello, MON
Week 9	Domenic Mobilio, VAN	Week 10	DOUG MILLER, ROC
Week 11	Eddy Berdusco, MON	Week 12	Giuliano Oliviero, VAN
Week 13	Jorge Acosta, NY	Week 14	Joey Leonetti, SEA
Week 15	Peter Lak, COL	Week 16	HENRY GUTIERREZ, RO
Week 17	Carsten Siersbaek, COL	Week 18	Marcus Hahnemann, SEA
Week 19	HECTOR MARINARO, ROC		

1996 A-LEAGUE AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
LEADING SCORER
GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR
DEFENDER OF THE YEAR
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
COACH OF THE YEAR
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

WOLDE HARRIS, COLORADO FOXES
WOLDE HARRIS, COLORADO FOXES
PAOLO CECCARELLI, MONTREAL IMPACT
JOHN LIMNIATIS, MONTREAL IMPACT
WOLDE HARRIS, COLORADO FOXES
LORNE DONALDSON, COLORADO FOXES
KEVIN SKINNER

ALL A-LEAGUE TEAM

Goalkeeper

Paolo Ceccarelli
Montreal Impact

Defenders

RENE RIVAS
ROCHESTER RHINOS

Wade Webber
Seattle Sounders

Carlos Liamosa
New York Fever

John Limniatis
Montreal Impact

Midfielders

Nick DeSantis
Montreal Impact

Martin Nash
Vancouver 86ers

Anthony McCreath
Colorado Foxes

Forwards

DOUG MILLER
ROCHESTER RHINOS

Dominic Mobilio
Vancouver 86ers

Wolde Harris
Colorado Foxes

1996 ROCHESTER RHINOS TEAM AWARDS

Most Valuable Player
Leadership & Dedication

Rene Rivas
Lenin Steenkamp

1996 A-LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

SEMIFINALS:

#1 MONTREAL IMPACT VS. #4 ROCHESTER RHINOS

Game 1 @ Montreal

Rochester 3, Montreal 2

Game 2 @ Rochester

Montreal 3, Rochester 0

Game 3 @ Montreal

Rochester 2, Montreal 1

Rochester wins series 2-1

#2 COLORADO FOXES VS. #3 SEATTLE SOUNDERS

Game 1 @ Colorado

Seattle 1, Colorado 0

Game 2 @ Seattle

Colorado 2, Seattle 0

Game 3 @ Colorado

Seattle 3, Colorado 0

Seattle wins series 2-1

FINALS:

#3 SEATTLE SOUNDERS VS. #4 ROCHESTER RHINOS

@ Seattle

Seattle 2, Rochester 0

Seattle wins A-League Championship

SCORING LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>GWG</u>
Thompson, SEA	3	--	6	1
Biello, MON	2	1	5	--
RIVAS, ROC	2	--	4	1
Fig, COL	2	--	4	1
Farrell, SEA	1	1	3	1
Berdusco, MON	1	1	3	--
Barker, MON	1	--	2	--
Devos, MON	1	--	2	--
MILLER, ROC	1	--	2	--
STEENKAMP, ROC	1	--	2	--
VILLAGRA, ROC	1	--	2	1
Lowe, MON	1	--	2	1
Limniatis, MON	--	2	2	--
GUTIERREZ, ROC	--	1	1	--
Tadlock, COL	--	1	1	--
Doliscat, MON	--	1	1	--
Pizzolito, MON	--	1	1	--

Rhinos History



Firsts in the Rhinos' Inaugural Season

First preseason game and goal:

The Rochester Raging Rhinos opened their inaugural season with a 2-1 preseason win over host Syracuse University, April 25. Ken Tometsko scored the Rhinos' first-ever goal, and Danny Kelly scored the game-winner.

First regular season game and goal:

In the season opener of their inaugural season, the Rochester Rhinos hosted the New York Fever at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium, May 10. After playing to a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation, the Rhinos lost a shootout to New York, 3-1. Danny Kelly scored the Rhinos' only goal, the team's first of the season. A sellout crowd of 5,834 watched the first game.

First regular season win:

The Rochester Rhinos beat the Vancouver 86ers, 3-2, at Fauver Stadium, June 21, for the team's first-ever regular-season victory. Hector Marinaro scored at the 84:49 mark of the second half on an assist from Tommy Tanner to break a 2-2 tie.

First game and first goal at Frontier Field:

The Rhinos were victorious in their first game at Frontier Field, July 12, against the Montreal Impact, recording a 3-2 win in front of 14,717 fans. Doug Miller single-handedly brought the Rhinos back from a 2-0 deficit by scoring a hat trick. In addition to scoring the first Rhino goal at Frontier Field, Miller also recorded the first hat trick of the season for the Rhinos. The game was not only the Rhinos' first at Frontier Field, it was also the first sporting event held at the new stadium.

First U.S. Open Cup Tournament Game and Goal:

Rochester was selected to take part U.S. Open Cup Tournament in the team's inaugural season. The Rhinos went on to reach the final round of the tournament before losing to the MLS's D.C. United. In the Rhinos' first game of the tournament, they hosted the Fort Myers Manatees, July 31, and won, 2-0. Lenin Steenkamp scored the first goal and Hector Marinaro concluded the scoring with a goal.

First Playoff Game and Goal:

In the first playoff game of the Rochester Rhinos' brief history, the Rhinos traveled to Montreal and beat the Impact, 3-2, Sept. 19. Lenin Steenkamp scored the Rhinos' first-ever playoff goal only four minutes into the game. Gustavo Villagra broke a 2-2 tie at the 70-minute mark to give the Rhinos the win.

First Playoff Game at Frontier:

The Rochester Rhinos played their first playoff game at Frontier Field, Sept. 21, against the Montreal Impact in front of an A-League all-time record 14,809 fans. They were shut out, 3-0.

Rochester Raging Rhinos Expansion Season Diary

1995-96 - A group was formed to bring professional soccer back to Rochester....An application was made and accepted into the A-League (American Professional Soccer League)....The ownership group included Frank DuRoss, owner of the Providence Bruins of the American Hockey League, Steve Donner, owner of the Rochester Americans of the AHL and Chris Economides, former owner of the Kansas City Attack of the NPSL.

February 1996 - Pat Ercoli was named head coach of the Rhinos and Frank Odoi named assistant coach.... in a "Name The Team" contest, Raging Rhinos was selected from a final four list, which included Rampage, Roccers and Ravens. Over 500 different names were submitted in the contest.

March 1996 - Rochester native Yogi McKay was the first player signed by the Rhinos....Goalkeeper Billy Andracki, defenders Rene Rivas, Marco Rizi and forwards Doug Miller and Zoran Karic also sign.... local players Tim Ashe, Leon Minott, Darrell Stuart and Carl Hopfinger also join the team....

April 1996 - Training camp opens at Roberts Wesleyan College....The Rhino logo is introduced at a local reception in downtown Rochester, drawing instant recognition for its charging Rhino with a soccer ball stuck on its horn....the team colors - green, yellow, black and white are chosen, and the Rhinos debut their three different uniforms.

April 26, 1996: The Rochester Raging Rhinos played their first-ever game, an exhibition match against host Syracuse University ... Ken Tometsko scored the Rhinos' first-ever goal and Danny Kelly scored the game-winning goal as Rochester defeated Syracuse, 2-1.

May 10, 1996: The Rhinos played their first-ever regular season game, hosting the New York Fever at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium in front of 5,834 fans, a sellout ... The Rhinos lost the game, which was decided by a shootout, 2-1 ... Danny Kelly scored the Rhinos' first-ever regular season goal on an assist by Hector Marinaro.

May 31, 1996: In only their second game of their inaugural season, the Rochester Rhinos took on defending A-League champion Seattle Sounders at Fauver Stadium ... The Rhinos were in control most of the game, outshooting the champs, 20-9, and leading, 1-0, through 80 minutes of play, but Seattle tied the score late in the game, forcing a shootout, where they outscored the Rhinos, 4-3.

June 21, 1996: The Rhinos captured their first-ever regular-season victory, beating the visiting Vancouver 86ers, 3-2. Kofi Debrah scored in his first game as a Rhino, Yogi McKay added a goal, and Hector Marinaro scored the game-winner.

June 28, 1996: Rhinos trade forward Gustavo Romanello and a player to be named later (Gustavo Villagra) to Montreal Impact for forward Lenin Steenkamp.

July 7, 1996: Rhinos defeat host Atlanta, 3-2, in a shootout for the team's first road victory ... Doug Miller scored the Rhinos' only regulation goal on an assist from Hector Marinaro ... The Rhinos won the shootout, 3-2, after 12 rounds ... Marinaro scored twice in the shootout, with Fuseini Dauda scoring the other goal.

July 12, 1996: In their first game played at Frontier Field, the Rhinos defeated Montreal, 3-2, in front of 14,717 fans, a new A-League attendance record ... Doug Miller singlehandedly brought Rochester back from a 2-0 deficit, scoring three goals ... The win improved the Rhinos' record to 3-8 and moved them ahead of Atlanta into sixth place in the A-League ... The game was also the first-ever sporting event at Frontier Field.

July 19, 1996: The Rhinos won a defensive battle against New York, 2-0, at Frontier Field, in which both teams only had six shots on goal ... Danny Kelly scored the first goal for the Rhinos and Doug Miller scored his second game-winning goal in as many games ... Bill Andracki recorded his first shutout of the season.

July 22, 1996: Doug Miller named A-League player-of-the-week, the first Rhino to win the honor.

July 26, 1996: Doug Miller recorded his second hat trick of the season as the Rhinos defeated Atlanta at home, 3-1 for their fifth win of the season and third in a row.

July 31, 1996: In the first U.S. Open Cup Tournament match in Rhino history, the Rhinos hosted the Fort Myers Manatees ... The Rhinos won the match, 2-0, on goals from Hector Marinaro and Lenin Steenkamp ... Bill Andracki recorded the shutout victory in goal for the Rhinos.

August 2, 1996: Gustavo Villagra is returned to Rochester from Montreal.

August 3, 1996: In a tight game throughout, the Rhinos defeated Seattle at home, 2-1 ... Doug Miller and Kofi Debrah (game-winner) scored for the Rhinos, who outshot the Sounders, 14-13 ... The win was Rochester's fourth straight in A-League play and improved their record to 6-8.

August 16, 1996: Rhinos win an important road game against Vancouver, squeaking away, 1-0 ... Lenin Steenkamp scored the only goal of the game on an assist from Henry Gutierrez ... Bill Andracki recorded his third shutout of the season ... The win moved Rochester ahead of New York and into fifth place in the A-League.

August 21, 1996: After playing to a scoreless tie after regulation time against visiting Colorado, the Rhinos won an intense game by prevailing in the shootout, 2-1 ... The Rhinos controlled the tempo of the game, outshooting the Foxes by an incredible 18-3 margin, but could not find the back of the net during regulation play ... Lenin Steenkamp and Rene Rivas scored the shootout goals for the Rhinos ... Bill Andracki recorded his fourth shutout of the season for the Rhinos.

August 23, 1996: Rochester signs forward Paul Young, a striker from the Jamaican National Team, who was leading the USISL in scoring at the time.

August 25, 1996: Rhinos win a close game against New York at Frontier Field, 3-2 ... Henry Gutierrez, Rene Rivas, and Doug Miller (game-winner) scored for Rochester.

August 28, 1996: Rochester signs defenseman Dino Lopez and trades midfielder Marco Rizi to Montreal for future considerations.

August 30, 1996: Rhinos win an important game against Atlanta at home, 8-2 ... Tommy Tanner had a goal and three assists, Doug Miller recorded his third hat trick of the season, Lenin Steenkamp had a goal and an assist, Paul Young scored his first goal as a Rhino, and Henry Gutierrez and Rene Rivas both scored one goal ... The victory moved the Rhinos into a fourth-place tie with Vancouver and also brought them to the .500 mark for the first time all season.

September 1, 1996: Rochester travels to Atlanta and records a shutout victory, 4-0 ... Paul Young scored three goals, Doug Miller added a goal and an assist, and Bill Andracki got his fifth shutout of the season ... The win put the Rhinos at 12-11 overall, the first time Rochester breaks the .500 mark.

September 7, 1996: Major League Soccer's Tampa Bay Mutiny came to town to take on the Rhinos in the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open Cup Tournament ... The Rhinos shock the soccer world by beating the Mutiny in a double overtime thriller, 4-3, despite being outshot by Tampa Bay, 25-17 ... Bill Andracki had a phenomenal performance in goal, stopping 19 shots, while Doug Miller scored twice, Henry Gutierrez added a goal and an assist and Chris Kennell scored the game-winner ... The win moved Rochester into the semifinals of the tournament.

Rochester Raging Rhinos All-Time Leaders (Regular Season)

Points

38	Doug Miller
15	Hector Marinaro
15	Lenin Steenkamp
10	Kofi Debrah
9	Henry Gutierrez
8	Rene Rivas
8	Tommy Tanner
8	Paul Young
7	Danny Kelly
3	Yogi McKay

Goals

18	Doug Miller
5	Lenin Steenkamp
4	Kofi Debrah
4	Hector Marinaro
4	Paul Young
3	Henry Gutierrez
2	Danny Kelly
2	Rene Rivas
1	Yogi McKay
1	Tommy Tanner

Assists

7	Hector Marinaro
6	Tommy Tanner
5	Lenin Steenkamp
4	Rene Rivas
3	Henry Gutierrez
3	Danny Kelly
2	Kofi Debrah
2	Doug Miller
1	5 are tied with 1

Shots

71	Doug Miller
57	Lenin Steenkamp
51	Hector Marinaro
26	Henry Gutierrez
25	Rene Rivas
22	Zoran Karic
22	Danny Kelly
17	Gustavo Villagra
14	Kofi Debrah
11	Yogi McKay

Games Played

27	Billy Andracki
27	Doug Miller
26	Tommy Tanner
25	Rene Rivas
23	Fuscini Dauda
23	Hector Marinaro
22	Yogi McKay
22	Leon Minott
21	Lenin Steenkamp
20	Danny Kelly

Games Started

27	Billy Andracki
26	Tommy Tanner
25	Rene Rivas
23	Doug Miller
21	Fuscini Dauda
21	Lenin Steenkamp
20	Danny Kelly
20	Yogi McKay
20	Leon Minott
19	Hector Marinaro

Goalkeeping Wins

11	Billy Andracki
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Shutouts

7	Billy Andracki
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Saves

120	Billy Andracki
1	Rett Thompson

Rochester Raging Rhinos All-Time Leaders (Playoffs)

Semi-finals

September 19, 1996 at Montreal	RHINOS 3	Montreal 2	3,691
September 21, 1996 at Rochester	Montreal 3	RHINOS 0	14,809
September 25, 1996 at Montreal	RHINOS 2	Montreal 1	3,137

Championship

October 5, 1996 at Seattle	Seattle 2	RHINOS 0	7,459
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Points

4	Rene Rivas
2	Doug Miller
2	Lenin Steenkamp
2	Gustavo Villagra
1	Henry Gutierrez

Goals

2	Rene Rivas
1	Doug Miller
1	Lenin Steenkamp
1	Gustavo Villagra

Assists

1	Henry Gutierrez
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Shots

14	Hector Marinaro
10	Lenin Steenkamp
9	Doug Miller
6	Henry Gutierrez
4	Rene Rivas
2	Yogi McKay
1	Kofi Debrah
1	Tommy Tanner
1	Gustavo Villagra

Games Played

4	Billy Andracki
4	Fuseini Dauda
4	Henry Gutierrez
4	Hector Marinaro
4	Yogi McKay
4	Doug Miller
4	Leon Minott
4	Lenin Steenkamp
4	Gustavo Villagra
3	Rivas, Debrah, Tanner

Games Started

4	Billy Andracki
4	Fuseini Dauda
4	Henry Gutierrez
4	Hector Marinaro
4	Yogi McKay
4	Doug Miller
4	Lenin Steenkamp
4	Gustavo Villagra
3	Rene Rivas
3	Tommy Tanner

Goalkeeping Wins

2	Bill Andracki
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Saves

19	Bill Andracki
4	Rett Thompson

Rochester Raging Rhinos All-Time Leaders (U.S. Open Cup)

July 31, 1996 - Qualifier	RHINOS 2	Ft. Myers 0	at Frontier Field	6,149
September 7, 1996 - Quarter-final	RHINOS 4	Tampa 3 (2 ot)	at Frontier Field	12,428
October 12, 1996 - Semi-final	RHINOS 3	Colorado 0	at Frontier Field	12,179
October 30, 1996 - Final	DC United 3	RHINOS 0	at RFK Stadium	7,234

Points

8	Doug Miller
6	Hector Marinaro
4	Henry Gutierrez
4	Lenin Steenkamp
2	Chris Kennel

Goals

4	Doug Miller
2	Lenin Steenkamp
1	Henry Gutierrez
1	Chris Kennel
1	Hector Marinaro

Assists

4	Hector Marinaro
2	Henry Gutierrez

Shots

16	Doug Miller
14	Hector Marinaro
12	Lenin Steenkamp
7	Kofi Debrah
7	Henry Gutierrez
3	Rene Rivas
1	Tim Ashe
1	Tommy Tanner
1	Chris Kennel
1	Gustavo Villagra

Games Played

4	Fuseini Dauda
4	Chris Kennel
4	Hector Marinaro
4	Yogi McKay
4	Doug Miller
4	Rene Rivas
4	Yuri Smotrich
4	Lenin Steenkamp
4	Tommy Tanner
3	Billy Andracki
3	Henry Gutierrez

Games Started

4	Fuseini Dauda
4	Yogi McKay
4	Doug Miller
4	Rene Rivas
4	Yuri Smotrich
4	Lenin Steenkamp
4	Tommy Tanner
3	Billy Andracki
3	Henry Gutierrez
3	Hector Marinaro

Goalkeeping Wins

2	Bill Andracki
1	Rett Thompson

Shutouts

1	Bill Andracki
1	Rett Thompson

Saves

29	Bill Andracki
14	Rett Thompson

Television & Radio



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1997 Rochester Raging Rhinos Radio and Television

Radio

This season, every Rochester Rhinos game, including all 28 A-League regular-season and playoff contests, the Israeli National All-Star team exhibition match, and all Rhinos U.S. Open Cup Tournament, will be broadcast live on **WBBF-950 AM** and **WBER-90.5 FM**. Play by play announcer Don Stevens and color commentator Don Lalka will call the Rhinos action. In addition to the game coverage, a half-hour pre-game show, hosted by Soccer Sam, will precede every Rhinos home and away game on WBBF and WBER.

Television

Three Rhinos games will be broadcast on Prime Network's "A-League Match of the Week." The A-League's All-Star Game, held at Frontier Field, July 15, will also be televised coast to coast on the Prime Network. Locally, The Empire Sports Network will carry most of the A-League's "Match of the Week" schedule, including all Rhinos games.

Friday, June 13

Sunday, June 22

Sunday, August 17

Tuesday, July 15

Worcester at Rochester - 7:30 p.m.

Rochester at Richmond - 7:00 pm.

Milwaukee at Rochester - 7:00 p.m.

A-League All-Star Game at Frontier Field - 7:35 p.m.

"A-League Match of the Week" Schedule **Live on Prime Network and The Empire Sports Network**

Friday, May 23	Richmond at Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 30	Montreal at Hershey	7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 6	California at Milwaukee	7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 13	Worcester at Rochester	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 22	Rochester at Richmond	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 29	Long Island at Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 6	Seattle at Minnesota	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 13	Orlando at New Orleans	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 15	A-League All-Star Game from Frontier Field	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 20	Connecticut at Long Island	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 27	Minnesota at Orange County	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 3	Colorado at El Paso	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 10	Richmond at Jacksonville	7:00 p.m. (T)
Sunday, August 17	Milwaukee at Rochester	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 24	Raleigh at Charleston	7:00 p.m. (T)
Sunday, August 31	Montreal at Minnesota	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 7	A-League playoffs	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 14	A-League playoffs	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 21	A-League playoffs	7:00 p.m.
September 27 or 28	A-League Championship Game	TBA

(T) - tape delay
schedule subject to change

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Newspaper

Gannett Democrat & Chronicle
55 Exchange Blvd.
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soccer beat writer - Jeff DiVeronica - (716) 258-2760
soccer columnist - Jim Memmott - (716) 258-2270
sports columnist - Bob Matthews - (716) 258-2325

The Daily Messenger
73 Buffalo St.
Canandaigua, NY 14424
phone - 1-800-724-2099
soccer beat writer - Steve Bradley

Television

WROC TV-8 (CBS)
201 Humboldt St.
Rochester, NY 14610
sports phone - (716) 288-2186
sports director - John Kucko

WHEC TV-10 (NBC)
191 East Ave.
Rochester, NY 14610
sports phone - (716) 262-6236
sports director - Rich Funke

WOKR TV-13 (ABC)
P.O. Box 20555
Rochester, NY 14602
sports phone - (716) 334-4250
sports director - Mike Catalana

TIME WARNER R-NEWS (GRC-9)
71 Mt. Hope Ave.
Rochester, NY 14620
sports phone - (716) 756-1561
sports director - Bill Pucko

Radio

WHAM 1180-AM
207 Midtown Plaza
Rochester, NY 14604
(716) 454-4884
sports director - Steve Hausman

WMAX 106.7 FM
412 State St.
Rochester, NY 14608
(716) 232-8870
sports director - Tor Constantino

WCMF 96 FM
3136 South Winton Rd.
Rochester, NY 14623
(716) 272-7260
sports director - Bull Ganzler

WBBF AM 950
500 B Forman Bldg./Midtown Plaza
Rochester, NY 14608
(716) 423-2900
sports director - Todd Blide

WBER FM 90.5
2596 Baird Rd.
Penfield, NY
(716) 381-4353
sports director - Andrew Chinnici

Frontier Field



Welcome to Frontier Field

Home of the Rochester Raging Rhinos

On July 12, 1996, the Rochester Raging Rhinos played the first-ever sporting contest at Frontier Field. The Rhinos defeated the Montreal Impact 3-2 in a thrilling come-from-behind victory before 14,717 fans. The win helped catapult the Rhinos to a successful season, one in which they made both the U.S. Open Cup Tournament and A-League playoff finals. Frontier Field had a definite impact on the success of the Rhinos last season. The stadium has a seating capacity of 12,868 for soccer, and with standing room included, the capacity is nearly 15,000. The Rhinos set an A-League record for single-game attendance when 14,809 witnessed a Rhinos-Montreal playoff match on September 21, 1996. Rochester also shattered the A-League season attendance record, drawing 134,269 fans last season.

But there is more to Frontier Field than the games that are played there or the amount of people it holds. There are many little-known facts about the friendly confines of Frontier Field. Did you know there are:

- * 850 million blades of grass on the field.
- * 175,000 bricks in the stadium
- * 25,000 bricks in the Walk of Fame
- * Over 400 trees and shrubs at the stadium
- * Over 40,000,000 lbs. of concrete in the stadium
- * Over 10,000 cubic yards of concrete in the stadium
- * 750 tons of steel in the stadium
- * 43,250 square feet in the seating bowl
- * 153 brick arches around the stadium
- * More than a mile of railings throughout the stadium
- * 70 sprinkler heads on the field (62 rotary heads, 8 mist heads)
- * 100,000 linear feet of reinforcement for masonry at the super-structure

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